

Mr. Subba Aiyar:—

"I certainly object to the provision as to appeal. The only question is whether the amount is due on a particular patta. As I said at the outset, if there is anything serious, there is the remedy by way of a revision petition under Section 50. Further, if there is no arrear, there is the remedy of a civil suit."

Mr. G. Parameswaran Pillai:—

"For the last several years, this right of appeal has been in existence. There are no figures to show that a large percentage of the appeals has been frivolous and that they have been rejected. If the right of appeal is taken away it is clearly an infringement of the peoples' right."

The amendment was put to the vote and lost.

CLAUSE 4.

Mr. G. Parameswaran Pillai moved that the words "on the defaulter in the manner prescribed in the Code of Civil Procedure for serving summonses on defendants" be substituted for "by delivering a copy to the defaulter, or to some adult member of his family, at his usual place of abode, or to his authorised agent, or by affixing a copy thereof on some conspicuous part of his last-known residence, or, on some conspicuous part of the land about to be attached" in sub-section (2) of Section 23 A.

Mr. Subba Aiyar accepted the amendment, and it was carried.

Mr. G. Parameswaran Pillai moved that the following be added after sub-section (3):—

"An appeal shall lie to the Division Peishkar within 30 days from the date of such decision."

He said:—

"I would strongly recommend that so far as at least immovable property is concerned, the Tahsildar's order should be liable to appeal."

President:—

"The Regulation provides for a regular appeal against sale."

Mr. G. Parameswaran Pillai:—

"This is about distraint itself in the very first instance."

President:—

"The sale is only a natural consequence of distraint. Your object will be served by setting aside the sale. As a matter of fact, sales are set aside on appeal and on revision. I have set aside a number of sales in my revisionary capacity. That right remains."

The motion fell through for want of seconding.

The consideration of the Bill over, Mr. Subba Aiyar moved that the operation of rule 51 be suspended, so that the Bill might be finally read and passed.

Seconded by Dr. Kunjan Pillai.

Mr. G. Parameswaran Pillai:—

"I beg to oppose the motion. I think that the Bill may be read and passed at the next Council meeting."

Mr. Subba Aiyar's motion was put to the vote and carried.

Mr. Subba Aiyar moved that the Bill be finally read and passed.

Seconded by Dr. Kunjan Pillai.

Carried.

THE FOREST REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar moved that the Forest Regulation Amendment Bill be finally read and passed.

Seconded by Mr. Raman Menon.

Carried.

THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar moved that the Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Bill be finally read and passed.

Seconded by Mr. Raman Menon.

Carried.

THE GOVERNMENT LAND ASSIGNMENT BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar moved that the Government Land Assignment Bill be finally read and passed.

Seconded by Mr. Rajaraja Varma.

Carried.

The Council adjourned for lunch at 2-15 p. m. and met again at 3 p. m.